

**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**  
**Office of the City Manager**  
**Letter to Commission No. 097-2005**



**To:** Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

**Date:** April 15, 2005

**From:** Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

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**Subject: WASHINGTON AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT**

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On January 14, 2004, the City Commission approved the award of the agreement between the City of Miami Beach and the Design Build firm of Ric-Man International (RMI) in the amount of \$12,104,429 for the Washington Avenue Streetscape Project (Resolution No 2004-25463).

To date, RMI has completed engineering plans to support its water main, sanitary sewer, storm water collection and disposal, street lighting, hardscape and landscape improvements. Permits have been obtained for water main construction, sanitary sewer construction, storm water collection system construction and electrical street lighting. RMI has completed all water main construction from 5th to 16th Streets. Sanitary sewer construction along 6th and 8th Streets has been completed and placed into operation.

The City has provided a limited Notice to Proceed to RMI to pursue the removal/replacement of the existing storm water drainage culverts located within the Washington Avenue corridor between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets along the west right-of-way limits. (It was initially contemplated that this work was to be performed within the individual Work Zones to minimize the disruption to the community) RMI has requested and been approved to perform the referenced storm water collection work. Work initiated on March 30, 2005 and is contemplated to be completed by April 30, 2005.

RMI has also requested authorization to proceed with construction of the improvements within the Work Zone / construction sequence established in the contract Design Criteria Package. RMI is expecting to initiate work in two Work Zones along the east right-of-way or northbound traffic lanes of Washington Avenue, as follows:

16<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
11<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street

The Design Criteria Package allows RMI to also perform construction activities outside of the Work Zones as long as traffic is maintained during the work day and traffic is open along the northbound and southbound traffic lanes of Washington Avenue during evening hours. Typical work hours will be Monday to Friday (excluding City observed holidays) from 7:30 am to 6:30 pm. Work is permitted on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and work is prohibited on Sundays. RMI has requested that the City consider allowing work to begin at 6:30 am during the April to October months to provide opportunities to complete the project on a faster timeline. The City is considering the request at this time and extended work hours may be authorized on a block by block basis due to the presence of hotels / residences along some project areas.

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Attached please find an anticipated construction schedule based upon an April 18, 2005 start date. Please note that this schedule identifies the anticipated dates that the full Work Zone construction will take place on a block by block basis. RMI intends to bring in additional work forces to perform ancillary work outside of the Work Zones and the anticipated construction schedule does not reflect the schedule of these ancillary work items. This work may include storm water system construction, street lighting construction, or other work components. Ancillary work items will be performed in an effort to progress the schedule. Impacted businesses and residents will continue to be notified by the full time public information officer (PIO). The businesses and residents are being kept informed of all activities by a full time PIO who has an office at 1210 Washington Avenue. In addition, Block Representatives have been identified and informed of pending work. They will interface with the businesses on their respective blocks and assist in identifying and resolving any construction related issues which may arise.

Conceptual planning efforts have been initiated for the median landscaping proposed along Washington Avenue from 5th to 6th Streets and between 16th Street and Lincoln Road. Also, conceptual plans have been underway for the proposed landscaped median along Lincoln Road from Washington Avenue to Collins Avenue. A Community Design Workshop was held on March 31, 2005 to present the median concepts and obtain community input. The community supported the conceptual design for the 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Lincoln Road medians with minor modifications. The Lincoln Road median solicited much input from the community and a consensus was reached not to pursue a landscaped median along Lincoln Road from Washington Avenue to Collins Avenue as part of this project.

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c:     Robert C. Middaugh, Assistant City Manager  
       Tim Hemstreet, Acting Assistant City Manager  
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**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH  
WASHINGTON AVENUE ROW IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**

<b>Southbound Traffic</b>		<b>Northbound Traffic</b>	
<b>West 16th Street to 15th Street</b>		<b>East 16th Street to 15th Street</b>	
Early Start	Nov-05	Early Start	May-05
Early Finish	Feb-06	Early Finish	Jul-05
<b>West 15th Street to Espanola Way</b>		<b>East 15th Street to Espanola Way</b>	
Early Start	Dec-05	Early Start	May-05
Early Finish	Feb-06	Early Finish	Jul-05
<b>West Espanola Way to 14th Street</b>		<b>East Espanola Way to 14th Street</b>	
Early Start	Dec-05	Early Start	Jun-05
Early Finish	Mar-06	Early Finish	Sep-05
<b>West 14th Street to 13th Street</b>		<b>East 14th Street to 13th Street</b>	
Early Start	Feb-06	Early Start	Jul-05
Early Finish	Apr-06	Early Finish	Sep-05
<b>West 13th Street to 12th Street</b>		<b>East 13th Street to 12th Street</b>	
Early Start	Feb-06	Early Start	Aug-05
Early Finish	May-06	Early Finish	Oct-05
<b>West 12th Street to 11th Street</b>		<b>East 12th Street to 11th Street</b>	
Early Start	Mar-06	Early Start	Sep-05
Early Finish	May-06	Early Finish	Nov-05
<b>Southbound Traffic</b>		<b>Northbound Traffic</b>	
<b>West 11th Street to 10th Street</b>		<b>East 11th Street to 10th Street</b>	
Early Start	Nov-05	Early Start	May-05
Early Finish	Jan-06	Early Finish	Jun-05
<b>West 10th Street to 9th Street</b>		<b>East 10th Street to 9th Street</b>	
Early Start	Nov-05	Early Start	May-05
Early Finish	Jan-06	Early Finish	Jul-05
<b>West 9th Street to 8th Street</b>		<b>East 9th Street to 8th Street</b>	
Early Start	Dec-05	Early Start	Jun-05
Early Finish	Feb-06	Early Finish	Aug-05
<b>West 8th Street to 7th Street</b>		<b>East 8th Street to 7th Street</b>	
Early Start	Jan-06	Early Start	Jun-05
Early Finish	Mar-06	Early Finish	Sep-05
<b>West 7th Street to 6th Street</b>		<b>East 7th Street to 6th Street</b>	
Early Start	Feb-06	Early Start	Jul-05
Early Finish	Mar-06	Early Finish	Oct-05
<b>West 6th Street to 5th Street</b>		<b>East 6th Street to 5th Street</b>	
Early Start	Feb-06	Early Start	Aug-05
Early Finish	May-06	Early Finish	Oct-05
Schedule is contingent upon a May 2, 2005 Start Date.			
Schedule does not include additional drainage upsizing to be incorporated at 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Streets.			
West 11th Street to 10th Street Drainage Upsizing and Drainage Well Drilling is anticipated to be completed on April 29, 2005.			
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